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Maternity hospitals in the State.

* 905 *Q.*—SRI S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of Maternity hospitals in the State?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" There are 49 maternity hospitals and 3 maternity dispensaries. In addition all the district headquarters and taluk headquarters hospitals have been provided with beds for maternity cases."

Settlement and survey of inam villages in Arantangi and Pattukkottai taluks.

* 906 *Q.*—SRI MAHAMED SALIH MARAIKAYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether any settlement operations have commenced so far for the survey of inam villages of Arantangi and Pattukkottai taluks taken over by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" Survey operations have already commenced in the Pattukkottai taluk and are expected to commence in the Arantangi taluk, by about January 1954."

Construction of anicuts on the Gomukhi and Manimuktha rivers in South Arcot.

* 907 *Q.*—SRI L. ANANDAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any scheme to construct anicuts on the Gomukhi and the Manimuktha rivers in Kallakurichi taluk in South Arcot district; and

(*b*) if so, the size of the ayacut proposed to be irrigated and the cost of the project and when it is proposed to be taken up for execution?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) & (*b*) Proposals for the construction of reservoirs across the two rivers were recently examined but they could not be pursued in view of the large capital outlays involved and the poor returns and benefits anticipated. The Chief Engineer is however examining further whether the schemes can be modified so that smaller schemes may be executed at less cost with prospects of a reasonable yield of foodgrains."

Representations from the residents of Appavoonagar in Saidapet area.

* 908 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received petitions from the residents of Appavoonagar in Saidapet area of Madras City for inclusion of their locality in the City Improvement Trust Scheme; and

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(b) if so, the action taken on the petition by the Government?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The requests of the petitioners are being considered by the Government along with the North Saidapet General Improvement and Street Scheme submitted by the Madras City Improvement Trust."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Harijan hostels.

108 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether any new Harijan hostels have been recognized this year; and

(b) if so, the names of those hostels and the amount of grants given to those hostels?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.

Remittances of liquidation charges of liquidated co-operative societies.

109 Q.—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state what action has been taken on the suggestion made on 24th July 1952 in the supplementary question to starred question No. 204 to remit liquidation charges direct to the Government by the collection Agent?

A.—The suggestion was examined in consultation with the Registrar of Co-operative Societies. It is reported that the amounts collected in the liquidated societies are remitted first into the Treasury under the Personal Deposit Account of the liquidator. Afterwards there is no question of withdrawals of the moneys in cash from the Personal Deposit account. It is only a book adjustment from one head of account to another in the Treasury. There is therefore no scope for the misappropriation of liquidation charges. The Government do not therefore propose to act upon the suggestion.

Malvi Project, Bellary district.

110 Q.—SRI K. KOTRA BASAVANNA GOUD : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the stage at which the Malvi Project, Bellary district, recently investigated, now stands, when it will be taken up and whether it will be taken up in the near future?

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 1035–1037 infra.